

REMARKS

Applicants thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-10, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the remaining claims.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because reference numeral 109 does not refer to a hydraulic cylinder at pivot 105. Applicants have amended the drawings, particularly Fig. 1, to clearly illustrate the hydraulic cylinder 109 at articulation joint 105. Therefore, given the Applicant's amendment to the drawings, Applicants respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn. Applicants further submit the drawings are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure because on page 6, line 3 "tires" was misspelled. Applicants have amended the disclosure, particularly page 6, line 3, to properly spell "tire(s)". Therefore, given the Applicant's amendment to the "Specification", Applicants respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn. Applicants further submit the disclosure is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has objected to claims 14-20 because in claims 14 and 20 the phrase "of the type" renders the claims indefinite. In addition, claim 14, line 6 "a orientation" should be "an orientation". Applicants have amended claims 14 and 20 to omit the phrase "of the type", and further amended claim 14 to recite "an orientation". Therefore, given the Applicant's amendment to claims 14 and 20, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn. Applicants further submit claims 14 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected to claims 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 14 and 20, in consideration of the Examiners suggestion, and recited the phrase, "and having limits of travel" after "coupled with the chassis". Further, claim 20 has been amended to clearly recite, "adjusting the chassis in response to". Therefore, given the Applicant's amendment to claims 14 and 20, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn. Applicants further submit claims 14 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, claims 15-19 are dependent on independent claims 14, either directly or indirectly, and add additional limitations therein. Therefore, the arguments asserted for claim 14 is also applicable to these dependent claims and the rejection of claims 15-19 should also be withdrawn. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 15-19 are in condition for allowance.

Should any attached papers become lost or separated or should any additional fees be deemed necessary for this submission, including for example petition and fee for extensions of time or additional claims, the Commissioner is requested to treat this as such petition, and is hereby authorized to charge any such fees due to Caterpillar Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 03-1129.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Diana L. Charlton", written in dark ink.

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